

NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

SERIOUS, CATASTOPHIC, AND PERHAPS FATAL INJURY MAY RESULT FROM ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION.

By its very nature, competitive athletics may put students in situations in which *serious, catastrophic, and perhaps fatal accidents may occur.*

High School Athletics can result in violent physical contact between players, strenuous physical exertion, and numerous other exposures to risk of injury. The use of equipment can also potentially cause injury.

Students and parents must assess the risks involved in such participation and make their choice to participate in spite of these risks. No amount of instruction, precaution, or supervision will totally eliminate all risk of injury. Just as driving an automobile involves the possibility of risk, participation in athletics by high school students may be inherently dangerous. There have been accidents resulting in death, paraplegia, quadriplegia, and other very serious permanent physical impairment as a result of athletic competition. Parents and students should consider carefully whether they wish to be involved in high school competitions.

By granting permission for your students to participate in athletic competition, *you, the parent or guardian,* acknowledge that these risks exist.

By choosing to participate, *you, the student* acknowledge that these risks exist.

Students will be instructed in proper techniques to be used in athletic competition and in the proper use of all equipment worn or used in practice and games. Students must adhere to this instruction and utilization and must refrain from improper uses and techniques.

As stated earlier, no amount of instruction, precaution, or supervision will totally eliminate all risk of serious, catastrophic, or even fatal injury.

If you do not completely understand any of this, or have any other questions, please contact our principal for further information.